

**PARISH OF ALLEN,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Allen is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	18,835	2,683,516
1960	19,867	3,257,022
1970	20,794	3,644,637
1980	21,390	4,205,900
1990	21,226	4,219,973
1991	21,669	4,251,560
1992	22,812	4,287,195
1993	23,058	4,295,477
1994	23,290	4,315,085
1995	23,666	4,339,352
1996	23,921	4,350,579
1997	24,079	4,351,769
1998	24,242	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Allen are as follows:

YEAR	ELIZABETH	KINDER	OAKDALE	OBERLIN	REEVES
1960		2,299	6,618	1,794	151
1970	504	2,307	7,301	1,857	214
1980	454	2,603	7,155	1,764	199
1990	414	2,246	6,832	1,808	188
1991	451	2,268	7,136	1,804	200
1992	446	2,295	7,690	1,804	187
1993	479	2,315	7,690	1,815	188
1994	498	2,315	7,833	1,844	198
1995	499	2,315	7,956	1,894	198
1996	516	2,313	7,883	1,961	198
1997	513	2,378	7,881	1,981	198
1998	512	2,378	8,010	2,017	198

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$9,238	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$9,840	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$10,016	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$11,109	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$11,708	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$13,251	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$13,530	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$14,018	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Allen Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$79,237	\$25,817	\$4,565	\$10,441	\$1,147	\$15,103
1992	\$83,784	\$26,780	\$4,512	\$11,351	\$1,564	\$14,802
1993	\$84,944	\$26,803	\$3,928	\$12,288	\$1,627	\$15,412
1994	\$95,174	\$22,903	\$6,179	\$15,682	\$3,360	\$21,501
1995	\$98,558	\$22,054	\$9,593	\$16,086	\$2,006	\$21,738
1996	\$100,102	\$24,887	\$11,873	\$16,628	\$1,789	\$18,198
1997	\$103,843	\$23,950	\$11,822	\$14,782	\$1,194	\$22,780

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Allen as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
ALLEN PARISH	2.7		2.7	4	6.7
ELIZABETH	2.7	1.3	4	4	8
KINDER	2.7	1.3	4	4	8
OAKDALE	2.7	1.3	4	4	8
OBERLIN	2.7	1.3	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$12,223	\$9,047	\$10,808	\$11,675	\$12,952
February	\$9,265	\$8,983	\$10,423	\$10,738	\$12,227
March	\$7,807	\$10,405	\$12,360	\$12,626	\$15,338
April	\$10,959	\$9,622	\$11,170	\$12,151	\$13,650
May	\$9,143	\$10,656	\$11,671	\$13,259	\$14,117
June	\$9,288	\$12,657	\$12,786	\$16,561	\$16,845
July	\$10,728	\$10,773	\$10,186	\$12,580	\$14,214
August	\$9,504	\$11,802	\$11,567	\$13,483	\$14,061
September	\$9,879	\$12,306	\$11,622	\$16,193	\$12,927
October	\$11,809	\$10,542	\$10,553	\$12,342	\$18,469
November	\$9,746	\$9,618	\$10,691	\$11,386	
December	\$8,969	\$12,823	\$14,526	\$15,059	
Annual Total	\$119,320	\$129,236	\$138,362	\$158,053	

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Allen is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$39,356,715	\$16,347,216	\$55,703,931
1991	\$39,626,605	\$16,452,475	\$56,079,080
1992	\$41,900,220	\$16,598,255	\$58,498,475
1993	\$43,047,795	\$16,781,090	\$59,828,885
1994	\$43,595,370	\$16,971,870	\$60,567,240
1995	\$45,432,540	\$17,407,225	\$62,839,765
1996	\$50,367,480	\$18,053,055	\$68,420,535
1997	\$52,037,760	\$18,550,365	\$70,588,125
1998	\$52,372,900	\$18,840,900	\$71,213,800

Source: Allen Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$31,306,571	\$9,563,160	\$14,834,200
1991	\$31,288,580	\$9,654,150	\$15,136,350
1992	\$32,629,905	\$10,102,670	\$15,765,900
1993	\$32,761,525	\$10,492,800	\$16,574,560
1994	\$32,821,750	\$10,964,600	\$16,780,890
1995	\$33,646,815	\$11,222,240	\$17,970,710
1996	\$37,786,975	\$13,273,700	\$17,359,860
1997	\$39,171,165	\$14,174,430	\$17,242,530
1998	\$40,293,600	\$13,132,050	\$17,788,150

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Allen follows:

Year	Millage
1990	45.14
1991	42.44
1992	42.75
1993	43.75
1994	43.75
1995	43.75
1996	43.75
1997	45.50
1998	43.75

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Allen Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Allen in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. CLECO CORPORATION	\$3,248,370
2. TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPELINE	\$3,028,070
3. TEXAS EASTERN TRANS. CORP.	\$2,904,050
4. BOISE CASCADE CORP	\$2,486,770
5. STRATEGIC TIMBER PARTNERS, LP	\$1,773,140
6. LABOKAY CORPORATION	\$1,754,900
7. CENTURY TELEPHONE OF EVAN INC	\$1,616,170
8. CENTURY TELEPHONE OF S/W LA., INC	\$1,561,930
9. BEAUREGARD ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$1,101,880
10. ARIZONA CHEMICAL CO.	\$1,012,930

Source: Allen Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Allen Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	4,294	4,246	4,628	4,283
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	4,572	4,544	4,908	4,579
PUBLIC	4,356	4,583	4,624	4,527

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Allen Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$23,541	\$23,228	\$24,989	\$26,417
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,188	\$4,266	\$4,628	\$4,891
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$242,061	\$192,128	\$1,350,314	\$6,171,610
DEBT SERVICE	\$493,409	\$494,165	\$868,875	\$1,230,554
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$19,147,037	\$18,440,984	\$18,803,936	\$21,237,748

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.